

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 44 – 69 will be active in this application subsequent to the entry of this amendment. In the outstanding action the examiner has indicated claims 28 and 32-34 to be allowable; *see* item 26, page 15 of the Action. With this indication in mind the previous claims have been amended and, for convenience rearranged and set out as a new set of claims. The relationship between the previous claims and new claims is summarized as follows:

New Claim	Previous Claim	New Claim	Previous Claim
44	22 + 25 + 28	57	27
45	23	58	28
46	24	59	29
47	31	60	30
48	32	61	33
49	33	62	34
50	new	63	new
51	22 + 31	64	35
52	32	65	36
53	23	66	37
54	24	67	35
55	25	68	36
56	26	69	37

The claims have been revised so that new claim 44 relates to previous claim 22 in combination with claims 25 and 28, and new independent claim 51 relates to previous claim 22 in combination with claim 31. In addition, claims 47 and 51 have been revised to make it clear that the ferricyanide compound is covalently bound to the polymer. New claims 50 and 63 have been added, specifying the solubility of the ferricyanide compound in pure water, based on the passage of the description at page 3, lines 27 to 30.

As will be apparent from the above, the revised claims are based on previous claims 28 and 31. The examiner has confirmed that claim 28 and claim 31 (amended to specify covalent bonding) are allowable if placed in independent form; *see* paragraphs 17 and 26 of the Office Action of May 21, 2005.

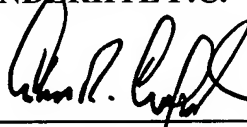
Since the amendments have been adopted as suggested by the examiner, all of the examiner's prior art rejections have been resolved in the amended claims, and the present revised claim set is allowable.

If for any reason this amendment does not place all claims in condition for allowance the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

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